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INSHORT

Hitting Your Head /s Hazardous

Last Monday a wall located in the third level of the R-Wing was found damaged. The damage is said to have resembled that of several attempts of hitting one's head against the wall. As we all know, Mondays are not the best of days, but the person should be warned that further attempts at this kind of behavior may result in actual thought processes.

Seeing Doubles

On Jan. 12, it was discovered that someone removed a small mirror from the C-Gate parking kiosk. The suspect being sought is apparently a beautiful young woman who seems to be completely obsessed with her appearance. It is suspected that the crime was committed when a mirror that the lady carried with her, fell and shattered on the ground. In total dismay, the lady ran for the nearest mirror she could find, ripped it off, and continued on her walk.

Dear, How's Your Calculus ??

REGINA (CUP) A University of Saskatchewan Prof. might lose his job, after having his wife teach his math class for a whole semester. Professor Bany of the school's math department felt his workload was too heavy, and allowed his wife, a retired high school teacher, to teach his class. It wasn't until the end of the semester that anyone knew Bany was not teaching his class - in fact, the problem was not discovered until a student went to the education department asking for his mark in Mrs. Bany's class. As a solution to the problem, the school recommends immediate dismissal.

Wanna Buy A Transfer?

TORONTO (CUP) The TTC is coming down hard on university and college students who use fake highschool ID cards for a cheaper ride. Within the past couple of months, the TTC sent out plainclothes inspectors to subway stations near Toronto university and colleges. As a result, 31 post-secondary students were found with fraudulent cards, and were charged with the criminal offense of "fraud under $5,000." TTC will be continuing with the security "crack-down", and the plainclothes investigators will be returning to St. George and other stations in the following months.

Coming Soon

Stay tuned for the start of a weekly column on women's issues.

Physics Professor Denied Tenure

Natalie Tadic
NEWS EDITOR

About a year ago, **Dr. Kin-Yip Chun** of the Physics department of the University of Toronto applied for tenure, and was turned down. Disappointed with the decision made by the school, Dr. Chun asked Vice-Dean **Cecil Yip**, as well as the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee (AF&T) of the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) to investigate the matter. The University, on the other hand, gave Dr. Chun three options, regarding his return to the school for research purposes. He found none of the offers acceptable.

On the twenty-six of July last year, Dr. Chun wrote the Provost as follows: "I agree to discuss my return to the University as soon as possible in order to prepare my NSERC grant application to slow down further worsening of an already unbearable situation. For immediate damage control, I propose that I be granted a short-term Senior Research Associateship, with an appointment at the level of Associate Professorship (Status Only) with a salary, if possible."

To this, the University replied with an offer paying Dr. Chun full salary for the duration so that he could continue his research program, further making it clear that in every discussion with the professor, and stating once more in the present context, that it does "not find acceptable any process which would award a tenured or tenure stream position outside the normal policy and procedures for gaining such a position at the University of Toronto."

The University believed also that the facts of the case did not merit a remedy regardless of how much they pointed in Dr. Chun's favour. It was again stated that the school was prepared to have Dr. Chun return in order to complete his research, and that he would have a "fair chance to compete along with other qualified candidates for any position in his area that becomes available in future." In answer to this, Dr. Chun did not reply by the eighteenth August 1995 deadline, and lodged a complaint to the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

To respond to the "unfair treatment" he felt he had received, Dr. Chun sent letters to various colleagues across Canada, pleading with them to recognize his case. His requests were not ignored. **G. David Sheps** from Concordia University wrote, "We find ourselves in agreement with the conclusions of the AF&T and the CAUT. Their report concluded that Dr. Chun was 'unfairly treated,' 'exploited', and 'subject to unfair positions' during competition for tenure track positions." Sheps also goes on to say that "we would favour the recommendations of the CAUT which urge that Dr. Chun be given an opportunity to return to work with some genuine job security and with a fair chance to compete for future, relevant tenure-track positions or that the matter be referred to binding arbitration, with the awarding of a tenure-track position as one among the range of possible options in the arbitration."

Council reviews Prof. Chun's tenure.

C.S. MacLatchy from Acadia University writes, "While I am not able to take sides in this dispute, it is of grave concern to me that such a cloud of mistrust and apparent mistreatment of a member of the university community hangs over the University of Toronto...it is my sincere wish that this very serious issue with Dr. Chun be resolved both equitably and quickly."

From **R.W. Yip** at the University of Saskatchewan: "It appears as though that Dr. Chun's Departmental teaching rating 4.0, his independent laboratory, publication record, funding agency success, and his ability to attract graduate and fellowship students who themselves have productive careers certainly must be accepted together as substantiation of superior performance on teaching research, administrative and indeed interpersonal criteria. One does not need context field expertise to make this assessment as this has already been made by those who do possess it....Multi-culturalism is intended as a policy to celebrate uniqueness but its inadvertent corollary is that it de-emphasizes commonalities. I know of no person, institution or nation that has transcended all prejudice."

Despite other letters and investigations asking for his return and reimbursement for his ordeal, Dr. Chun's case is still in the hands of the Ontario Human Rights Commission. Regardless, the University does not wish to discuss the full details, however, the severity of the situation is extremely apparent, and calls for immediate action, and not just further delay. Although Dr. Chun's case has been branded as such, the decision of the human Rights Commission will not be known for a while, leaving the situation in it's present state of distress.

What's INSIDE...

An Almost fully functional computer system and 1.2% nicotine

U of T Prof. Finds Fame for Earthquake Studies

Dianne Choma
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Would you know what to do if a major earthquake hit Toronto? According to reports by Scarborough Campus Environmental Science professor, **Alex Mo-hajer**, there is a 57 per cent chance that an earthquake measuring five on the Richter scale will occur in Metro-politan Toronto within the next 50 years.

These findings are based on the discovery of what are known as "pop-ups," or V-shaped protrusions emerging from the floor of Lake Ontario and stretching for miles in each direction. The pop-ups are a result of more than 100 minor earthquakes recorded since 1991.

Mohajer has devices set up between the Pick-ering and Darlington nuclear power plants which have measured the earthquakes as less than two on the Richter scale. The nuclear plants are designed to with-stand earthquakes of a >6 magnitude. Larger earthquakes would like-ly result in dangerous structural damages to such buildings.

Mohajer says he does not want to raise any sensational alarm. Despite the mildness of the tremors, however, Mohajer feels that there is reason for certain precautions.

He stresses three important elements that require attention: education, preparedness, and prevention. He urges builders to consider potential ha-zards before continuing to invest vast amounts of money in urban areas, and suggests that zoning maps and emergency procedures be developed as precautions.

In the short history of the Greater Toronto Area, major earth-quakes have never been much of a concern because they have never been experienced. Toronto lies, however, on a juncture between the Georgian Bay Linear Fault, the Niagara-Pickering Linear Zone, and the St. Lawrence Fault Zone, the last of which has been the culprit behind severe earthquakes in the past.

Studies by Mohajer and his colleagues were originally designed to consider the effects of natural disaster on nuclear power plants. They focus on eastern Toronto, but Mohajer claims that the findings are a real concern for the GTA as a whole.

Mohajer's main message is that as Toronto becomes a densely populated and highly developed region, the risks, in terms of human fatalities and structural damages, are on the rise. In light of the increased risks, Moha-jer's report stresses that "realistic seismic hazard assessments and me-thods to mitigate the adverse effects of an earthquake must be addressed by all levels of government."

While Mohajer has received some fame through interviews by the Toronto Star, Globe and Mail, Global TV, and CBC Newsworld, he fears that his warnings are not being taken seriously. Government officials are reluctant to deal with impending natural disasters because of the long-term planning involved, and because the environment is rarely considered an imme-diate concern for public policy.

Mohajer says it is "an uphill battle to get a response in a short period of time," but he will not give up hope that his message will be heard.

ECO : Caring for the Environment

ClubWatch

RANDA SULTAN & THOMAS GILMOR

Starting this week, we will be running a bi-weekly article on the efforts and concerns of Scarborough's very own **Environmentally Concerned Organization (E.C.O.)**. Our main goal is to help bring about environmental awareness.

There are currently several letter writing campaigns underway; and it is hoped that changes can be brought about. All of these letters can be found on the 'How You Can Help the Environment Home Page' located at **http://www.scar.utoronto.ca/~93gilmor/enviro.html**. The letters found here can be signed or downloaded. Copies of the letters can be signed in the Meeting Place during the upcoming *Enviro-week*.

As mentioned above, Monday, January 29 to Thursday, February 1 is Enviro-Week. Several events will be taking place in the Meeting Place, including information booths from Algoma Highlands, Toronto Vegetarian Association, Women's Network on Health and the Environment, Women and Environments Education, Development Foundation, MetroWorks, and our very own Department of Environmental Science faculty.

Special events will include a bake sale on Monday, and a 2:00 p.m. performance by the Toronto Raging Grannies on Thursday. Then, to cap off the week, students are invited to come over to the Rez Centre at 8pm on Thursday and enjoy a licensed evening (yes that means booze) with live entertainment from local musicians and DJ Krumpets.

CSCR: Used and Abused

David J. Stewart
ASSISTANT NEWS ED

CSCR, Scarborough College's cable FM radio station gets approximately $14,000 in student levy fees every year: is this money being used properly?

CSCR is owned and operated by the Scarborough Campus Students' Council (SCSC), which hires a managerial board. This year the board consists of **Doug Barret** (Station Manager), **Larry Nijmeh** (Music Director), and **Tara England** (Program Director).

All purchases, sales, and any major decisions regarding CSCR are done through SCSC, meaning that CSCR is left to be used and abused by the members of SCSC. There are no mechanisms built into the By-Laws to control this abuse by the members of SCSC. In fact the Campus Police cannot do anything to a member of SCSC who commits a crime against the station, such as CD theft. The managerial board for the radio station have been trying their best to help the station move forward but are having little success, as SCSC erects several barriers for them to overcome.

An example of these barriers was when Doug Barrett tried for about six months in total before succeeding to have CSCR spend around $400 for the rights to be printed for six months in the #1 industry magazine, *CMJ*.

In the near future, CSCR will be placing new, permanent speakers around the campus, including two new ones in the Meeting Place. This project, roughly estimated at about $10,000, is the station's main short term goal. This project is still awaiting final approval from SCSC and the College Administration.

Other items such as prerecorded jingles and show intros have not materialized, even though they were promised by October '95. The problem, according to the CSCR management, is that there would be a large amount of money needed to put the required equipment to use. It is felt by some of the DJs that the use of these prerecorded jingles would help to professionalize the station to a level closer to that of CIUT, the station on the St. George Campus. As one DJ puts it, "Things can run a little more professionally with a little more effort."

A lack of help and availability of the CSCR employees did not help with the level of professionalism either. DJs such as **Tom Varesh**, the current Sports Director for CSCR, echo's this concern in their need for assistance, "My show requires help. It requires a second hand... I've told them (CSCR) that, but no one has been able to help me". To help remedy this situation, the CSCR management has vowed to be there readily between noon and 5pm from now on. However, there still are no listed office hours anywhere in or around the station for any member.

All of these problems are very minute compared to the issue of the station's mobile unit. This unit, which is valued at more than $7500, has been misused consistently this year. The problem lies in the fact that SCSC has full and total control over the station and it's employees. This has led to such incidents as the unauthorized borrowing of the unit for a Rez house party. During this borrowing the unit was damaged and the repairs came out of the SCSC budget. This unit has served a great purpose, especially for the pub nights in the past. Also, the unit was used to function at various events off campus in order to generate money for the station. Last year, the unit should have earned around $3000, if not for the unpaid amounts of $510 from the Social Commission, and about $500 from a mix of the Arab, Sher-E-Punjab, and a few other clubs that went into arrears and the amounts were deemed uncollectable by the SCSC. Another $555 went missing as supposed payments which were never received.

With the poor record of the mobile system, it has been decided that the unit will be sold. The money from the sale of the system will likely contribute to paying for part of the new speaker project. The remaining money for the project will come from future fundraising activities to be held by the radio station.

The basis for the decision to sell the mobile basically boils down to what one potential renter put it, "... a political war, where both sides are stubborn... (thus) creating a power struggle". A former member of SCSC stated that, "CSCR is a very low priority. SCSC has dreams but CSCR is a potential nightmare. If they (SCSC) had it their way, CSCR would be ignored as long as possible, and SCSC can be saved the hassle of spending money". It's about money, time, commitment and responsibility. It seems that when it comes to CSCR all of these components are seriously lacking.

This article is commentary and is stricktly the views of the writer.

ECO - BASH

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Forum Discusses the Route to Social Justice

Nelson Rosales
CONTRIBUTOR

To be effective in their struggle for social justice, popular organizations need to assert their independence while working within the formal political system.

This was the main message to come out of the public forum which brought together NDP MP **Svend Robinson**, **Lorena Pena** and **Sandra Ramos**, three prominent political activists from Canada, El Salvador, and Nicaragua.

The forum held on Jan. 18, by the Jesuit Centre for Social Faith and Justice and the Harbourfront Commission, was organized to discuss the relationships between various social movements and the state.

Debating social change is currently relevant, seeing that the political left in many countries are now being challenged to seek new strategies in order to re-establish popular agendas. This involves addressing issues such as: limited government accountability, and regressive economic and social policies. These issues are especially applicable in Latin American countries where structural adjustment plans have taken effect.

In Canada, concern is focused on new policies that favor trade liberalization and the reduction of state responsibilities to social equity.

According to Lorena Pena, feminist-activist and Deputy to the Legislative Assembly of El Salvador (also a former guerrilla leader), an important strategy to challenge these trends is for "social groups to gain access to the state by joining political parties."

Svend Robinson echoed this message but added that the activists and the public must go further to actually "radicalize" political parties by participating from within.

Drawing from her experience with the Sandinista party and as Coordinator of the Nicaraguan National Movement of Working and Unemployed Women, Sandra Ramos called for grassroot organizations to establish an autonomous presence and to develop their own agendas. This approach is dramatically illustrated by initiatives in El Salvador's Women's Movement. In this post-war country-as in all others-women are discriminated against by society and by the political system. For example, gender-biased labor laws exist, which are endorsed by all political parties regardless of ideological conflicts. To overcome this systematic exclusion, a broad coalition of women from various parties and other organizations jointly drafted a number of demands (Mujeres, 94). From a position of strength, the women's movement was able to force the political parties to incorporate this agenda into their electoral platforms.

Pena also emphasized the need for close working partnerships between popular organizations and political parties. Working from the theme of equality, Ramos and Robinson added that it is only from these partnerships that creative solutions to current problems could be found. However, before this can become a reality it is necessary for progressive forces to stop trying to "put a human face on the fundamentally unequal system of capitalism." This will be difficult, said Pena, given the "aggressiveness of the current neo-liberal ideological onslaught" aimed at reducing "people's expectations and demands of what is just or even possible."

All three speakers agreed that the struggle for equality must be continued locally and globally. Sandra Ramos concluded with a plea for Canadians not to accept the erosion of their society due to the terrible repercussions that this might carry for other oppressed and struggling populations in the "less [economi-

Business

MARTIN HULST

Welcome to the first of hopefully many articles about business in Canada, and on Scarborough Campus. This coverage will be done by telling you about some of the on goings in the Management and Economic Students' Association (MESA).

First of all, congratulations are extended to **Rick Powers**, the recipient of this year's *MESA Professor Appreciation Award* for outstanding effort and performance in education.

The next kudos goes to **Rob Hanimyan** for winning the *Stock Market Simulation* game by having a final stock portfolio worth over $242 000- over 21% return on the initial investment. The prize was a fully loaded Pentium 60 personal computer.

There are many more awards and contests that you may join, so you should get involved!

Also, take note that on February 29 at 5pm, there will be a ACCIS/CACEE form seminar. This form, instead of the resume, is used by all Chartered Accounting firms and by most large corporations. To find out more about the ACCIS/CACEE form, you will need to register at a General Meeting on Feb. 8 at 5pm.

There will be more business news in two weeks, so stay tuned!

C.S.S - Where Has All Our Money Gone?...

Campus Agenda

Tammy Bokhari

Last week, I gave you a brief introduction to Scarborough College Council (S.C.C) and the Council of Student Services (C.S.S.). I trust you found this satisfactory, considering I did not receive any hate mail or bomb threats. The focus of this week's column will be on C.S.S. and its past and present agendas.

To date, the Council has unanimously approved $60,000 funding from its 1995-96 and 1996-97 refurbishment budget for the "R-Wing Elevator Project". In case you haven't heard, planning is underway to build a wheelcair-accessible elevator in the R-Wing (exact location to be determined). The total cost for this project is estimated at $375,000, the funding for which is already complete (see insert for breakdown). Two years ago, the Campus requested funding for an accessibility elevator from SAC-WAC (Students' Administrative Council Wheelchair Accessibility Committee) downtown. Had an adequate portion of funding for the elevator been approved at that time, it would have only cost an estimated total of $265,000.

R-Wing Elevator Project: Funding

SAC-WAC	$150,000
The College Principal	100,000
C.S.S.	60,000
Physical Plant Services	20,000
Food and Beverage Services	20,000
Physical Education and Athletics	20,000
Donations and Fundraising	5,000
	$375,000

At C.S.S.' last meeting, held on Tuesday, January 16, 1996-97 budgets for four major campus services were approved. No student fee increases were proposed by the Department of Physical Education and Athletics, maintaining last year's level of $79.00/full-time, $23.70/part-time, summer, and $23.70/part-time, winter. The Health Services fee will also remain unchanged at $45.00 per student. However, a 1.7% increase each year for the next five years was proposed in student residences fees. In other words, next year, you can expect to pay $1518 in the summer, and in winter, either $3036 (single), $2236 (shared) or $4236 (premium). On the booze scene, Beverage Services, as an ancillary operation of Food and Beverage Services on campus, will be closing down in 1996-97, due to an anticipated loss of $23,000 from "no-shows" at student Pub Nights in the *Attic*. Daily retail sales will soon be available in the R-Wing's *Domino's* and the Faculty/Staff Dining Room in the H-Wing. The *Attic* will still be open for general recreational use during the day; however, bar service will only be provided when an event is booked in the *Attic*.

So there you have it. The next C.S.S. meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 31 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Ali Tayyeb Room (R-5503). The main topic of discussion will be Orientation '96, with an address from the Principal and Dean, Paul Thompson. If you're interested, drop by and contribute.

NEXT WEEK:
A look at past and current activities of the S.C.C.

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This week marks the first week we are totally "computerized" (well, OK. once again!!). After a two month absence, which included manual layout and excruciating pain, we are now completely able to use Pagemaker and Photoshop to finish the layout. This, in a sense means more productivity from all staff members as we will be able to print more pages of text and incorporate new graphics into the paper.

As we climb up and up each week improving sometimes in just little ways, the future of the Underground continues to brighten. We, as always, are accepting articles from students regarding any news, arts or sports story. Also, as you'll notice in the center-fold of this issue, we are always accepting articles from a club or group here at Scarborough to incorporate into a pull-out section. In exchange for a two page spread designed however your club desires, we ask that you distribute throughout the residences. The same deal can be exchanged for 1/8 page ads for a club or group.

If you, the readers have any other suggestions on how the Underground can be improved, stop by the office and offer your suggestion to either myself another staff member.

DAVE Z

Letters to the Editor

January 25, 1996

To: The Editor

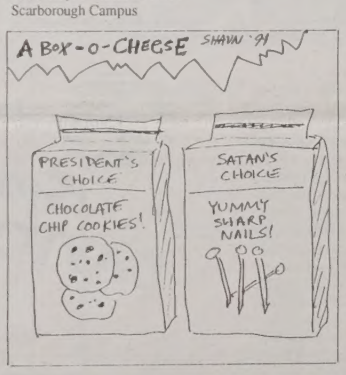
Subject: Smoking Violations

On January 12, 1996, I submitted a letter to your newpaper addressing the smoking violations which are occuring at the College. In that letter I stated that By-Law Enfocement Officers, accompanied by a Campus Police Officer, would be approaching individuals whom they found violating the Smoking By-Law and issue a verbal warning. I beleive that fair warning was given, but unfortunately there are still some individuals who continue to smoke inside the College.

Commencing the week of January 29, 1996, at any given time throughout the week, By-Law enforcement officers will patrol this College and without further warning will issue a Provincial Offense Ticket to anyone, found committing, an offense in contravention of the Smoking By-Law.

These unannounced visits by the Department of Public Health will continue indefinitely until this problem is completly resolved!

Jim McGhee
Staff Sergeant
University of Toronto Police
Scarborough Campus



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Perspectives: Not Just Another Student Newspaper:

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PHILLLIPINES - Shortly before the holidays, driven by my "instinct estudiantin", I ventured into a meeting of the UPLB International Student Association and ended up in the office of the student newspaper.

Earlier in the fall , I had laughed at their lampoon edition, which notably featured the satirical version of the Waterworld poster -a Filipino cyclist wearing tongs in a post-tropical storm, and a puzzling piece on the origin of the dubious emanations around Palma bridge, centre of the campus (one of the few articles in English - the ones in Filipino are "too deep" for my level of understanding). The cover was worthy of mention; it displayed a caricature of the Chancellor as a dog, exhibiting around its neck the ID tag students, staff and workers are required to wear (I am always delected at irreverencious pieces).

Anyway, 1996 is here now and it seems that some kind of exchange will take place between UPLB- *Perspective* and *The Underground* , through the email account of your humble servant. As a first step, we thought that it might be a good idea to introduce Perspective to the Scarberia readership, through a brief historical background and some technical information. (Please feel free to forward comments and questions. We are hoping to get some dialogue going on.)

Thus, Perspective. The name was given purposefully, to convey the philosophy of the paper which is to present different views, in a democratic spirit. Critique of mainstream thinking is an important thrust of Perspective, whose predecessor was shut down along with other press organs in 1972, when Ferdinando Marcos, then President of the Philippines, declared Martial Law. Some of the student leaders involved in UPLB's newspaper at that time were arrested and questioned, and pursued their activism until the fall of the dictatorship. Perspectives was the first shut down paper to be revived, in 1973.

With this genealogical background, the actual journalists of Perspective are acutely conscious of their responsibility as defenders of the marginalized sectors of the Filipino society, and of the critical importance of freedom of speech. UPLB being a state institution, has funds coming from taxpayers, thus Perspective aims at serving the interest of the population and promoting social change for improvement of the quality of life of the Filipinos. The martial law experience also prompted the paper to take an anti-militarization and anti-nuke stance. UPLB is actually a Zone of Peace, i.e. the military is forbidden to enter its grounds and aerial space.

To preserve editorial independence, Perspective, as of now, does not sell space to advertisers. The production of the paper is thus entirely financed by the student levy of Philippines Pesos 40.00 (or approximately $2.00 Can.) annually. This is enough for the release and diffusion of 6000 copies bi-weekly, with barely any leftovers (there are 8000-9000 students in UPLB). Perspective, in addition to a loyal readership, has an imposing team of staff and collaborators. Approximately sixty people are involved with the paper and take part in different stages of production. Writers must pass an entry exam and an interview, which does not prevent a relatively high rate of drop-out as the students/ journalists progress in their university career.

As the loud-speaker of a university community, Perspective also deals with issues of pressing concern to the student body. Tedious registration procedures and the increases in on-campus lodging fees are among the thorns in the feet of the UPLB...and guess what, they are also plagued by inadequate financial assistance schemes!!! With the presence of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) and the numerous students coming to UPLB on scholarships from different governments and agencies, issues of intercultural relations are increasing interest. A few topic of (I believe) common interest, for the stories to come!

Prostitution: What's Wrong With It?

Dawn Kostuik
STAFF

There have recently been reports of a professor at a well know university who has admitted to prostituting himself. So what? I see no reason to make such a big fuss over such a small issue. Is not prostitution considered the world's oldest profession? Honorable or not, it is something that everybody knows about but few want to discuss. It is about time that it was brought out into the open and accepted as an entirely reasonable form of employment.

There are a large number of women (and men) in the business of selling themselves. Some may do it because they want to, but others are in the trade because there is no other occupation in which they feel suited. Sure, most of them could get mediocre yet secure jobs paying minimum wage, but why bother? With prostitution a person is able to set his or her own hours and make money with little effort. The only worries are disease and the law, but if enough precautions are taken both can be avoided.

There is many a university or college student who has gotten a job in a restaurant only to find that the money is impossible to survive on. For good-looking, moderately talented women an obvious salary booster would be table dancing or stripping. No matter what is said, these are forms of prostitution. Even though (supposedly) sex acts are never involved, they are still selling their bodies. But hey, the money is good, so why not?

In many countries prostitution is entirely legal and it makes sense. This way, the government can control it and at the same time people can make a decent living from it. Take Amsterdam's "Red Light District" for example. It has become a major tourist attraction. The government runs tests to keep the likelihood of disease low. The prostitutes even have their own union! Couples walk hand in hand down streets where women are displaying themselves in shop windows. These streets are safer to stroll through at night than most of downtown Toronto.

It is ridiculous to think that selling sex (in any form) will someday disappear. The law cannot keep up with it; the government does not consider it a legitimate profession, and it is a good paying job in a time when unemployment is on the rise. If you cannot get rid of something, you have to eventually accept it and move on. Unfortunately with the baby-boomer mentality of "ignore it and it will go away," the acceptance of the legitimacy of prostitution is a long way off.

Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Awareness Week

LGB RESOURCE LIST

I'm Out, Now What Do I Do?

Listed below are some of the many resources available for those who are newly out, or for those who are considering coming-out.

Within University of Toronto

Freedom Alliance - a Scarborough Campus cultural club that provides social, educational and advocacy activities for Les-Bi-Gay students.

Health and Wellness Centre -professional one-on-one counselling, support services, safe sex information, referrals, HIV testing and much more are all available here.
Tel: 287-7065 Room: S-304

Women's Centre - a mountain of information and contact resources available (especially useful for lesbian and bisexual women).
Tel: 297-7024 Room: R-3014

Sexual Education Centre - precisely what it says, education (and advise, peer counselling and support) about sex, safe(r) sex, gender and sexual orientation... run by students.
Tel: 591-7949 42 St. George St.
(2nd floor)

LGB-OUT (a.k.a. Q-OUT) - a U. of T. club that offers limited services including a coming-out group, where individuals at various stages of coming-out meet to discuss some of their common experiences.
Tel: 971-7880 Sexual Ed. Centre

Outside University of Toronto

519 Church St. Community Centre -everything you ever needed to know and more... an amazing starting point for those in the process of coming out, conveniently located one block east of Wellesley subway station, beside Cawthra Park and the AIDS Memorial... it offers listings of groups, including the LGBYT (LGB Youth of Toronto).
Tel: 392-6874 519 Church St.

Hassle Free Clinic - a medical clinic that conducts anonymous HIV testing, as well as a wide range of support services... it has separate hours of operation for men's and women's services... located at 556 Church St., second floor, just steps north of Wellesley.
Tel: (Men) 922-0603
Tel: (Women) 922-0566

Xtra Magazine - available at most stores in the "gay village" (and sometimes outside the Women's Centre), it contains news, reviews, pictures, ads and listings of anything current and queer... it's the fastest way to learn about what's going on in the community... it also has a phone line system where many groups (including Freedom Alliance) are listed.
Tel: 925-XTRA (ext. 2105 for F. A.)

LGB Youth Line - experienced youth who offer anonymous support to other youth... it's free and safe.
Tel: 962-9688

A QUEER YEAR IN THE LIFE

by Jason Adams

I'm gay. It's been 1 year, 3 months and 18 days since I first said that openly, in a "Letter to the Editor" that appeared in the Underground on October 11th, 1994. Considering I have been aware of my homosexuality since the ripe old age of 4, I showed tremendous restraint in keeping it a secret as long as I did. I'd like to say I was waiting for the right moment to share myself with others, but in truth, I was living my life in fear. I haven't the word power to describe the feeling of elation and liberation (not to mention anxiety) that I felt on that day, and each day since. Looking back, the only regret I have about coming-out is that I didn't do it in kindergarten.

Much has changed, and surprisingly, much has stayed the same since my "advertisement for dates" appeared. As with many new "recruits", I came-out with a vengeance... I had 20 years of concessions to make up for. I had spent too many years being single (or with women). There were many bullies that needed to be set straight (so to speak). A plethora of dance clubs with wall-to-wall boys that required exploration (the clubs, not the boys). An annual Gay Pride Day Parade to march in (loads of fun). An extensive and entirely unique community that I could identify with, understand and appreciate. In the end, however, I'm still friends with all the same people (even if they don't like to hear me talk about fellatio), I still eat the same foods (cereal for every meal), I still dress the same (geek-chic, although I'm much more *fabulous* now), and I still listen to the same music (Madonna, you go girl).

Unfortunately, not everyone's coming-out experience can be so favourably remembered. I was lucky. I was financially independent, emotionally secure and surrounded by loving friends who (to my surprise) stuck by me (thanks again). I didn't have to worry about reconciling my sexual identity with my religious identity or cultural identity (I'm white and an atheist). I had nothing to lose... the same can not be said for everyone. Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Awareness Week presents all of us with an opportunity to examine how our words and actions affect those around us who may be coming to terms with their homo- or bisexuality.

Awareness Week, however, is not the only time that gays, lesbians and bisexuals must come to terms with their identities. Nor is it the only time that we as a society should examine the roles, rights and responsibilities that we impart on the members of the gay community. For me, every week is Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Awareness Week, and it's still not enough. I've learned so much about myself in the past year, but it's just the beginning. Learning about yourself is a lifelong process that all humans progress through. The key though, is that we do *progress*. Evolution, like gayness, is a wonderful thing.

I am writing this short piece in an attempt to stay one step ahead of the homophobic responses I am expecting to have encountered by the end of the week; which is not to say that I won't have the last word either.

So here are the answers to any questions or comments some of you may have.

Homosexuality is not contagious. God did not write the bible. It is not just about sex. Gays are not pedophiles. Not all lesbians dress like men. Not all gay men wear dresses. AIDS is not God's way of punishing homosexuals. There is no excuse for ignorance. Not special rights; equal rights. My mother does know I'm a lesbian. I do it because I love my partner. I do it because I can. I do it despite people like you.

Anne-Marie Estrada,
Co-President
Freedom Alliance

Army Queens: Gay Soldiers and The Military.

by: Lee Partington

The argument over the acceptability of gays and lesbians within the armed forces arouses continued debate and strong emotions in both Canada and the United States. The roots of the debate lie in the methods used to restrict gay men from the ranks of the U.S. army in World II. Gay Awareness week is an appropriate time to expose the false stereotypes used at army induction centres which have become entrenched over the past 50 years among top army planners and which continue to govern recruitment policies on homosexuals.

December 7, 1941, marked the official entry of the United States into World War II, and among the many millions of men and women who began to mobilize for war duties were large numbers of homosexuals. For gay men, trying to enlist in the armed forces in 1940 was difficult due to the fact that those responsible for formulating induction centre policies attempted to exclude homosexuals. The U.S. Armed Forces, in conjunction with psychiatrists, systematically eliminated gay men from its ranks by drawing upon a history of psychoanalytic thought and false stereotypes which stated that gay men were degenerate and inferior people who could not make good soldiers. This policy of exclusion was not, however, entirely successful.

Much of the psychoanalytic thought that was used by the American armed forces to eliminate homosexuals originated in Europe at the beginning of the Twentieth Century. Psychoanalytic ideas, developed by Sigmund Freud and others tried to define the causes of homosexuality in psychological terms. Although Freud did not consider homosexuals to be sick, most of those engaged in the psychiatric profession did view homosexuality as an illness. One of the more important parts of the Psychoanalytic theory is the notion that heterosexuality is the only acceptable method of sexual expression and behaviour. Thus, same-sex activities are regarded as being indicative of faulty character development and/or possession of a criminal nature. This central concept influenced the U.S. army's screening procedures in World War Two.

The United States Armed Forces viewed homosexuality as a problem because it considered same-sex liaisons as incompatible with good morale, discipline and fighting efficiency. Furthermore, the all-male environment of the Forces emphasized the value of masculinity which is manifested in a preoccupation with heterosexual sex, virility and toughness. What is intimated in this theory is the belief that homosexual activities will prevent soldiers from fulfilling their duties properly and undermine the levels of discipline necessary for an effective fighting force. The inclusion of gay men would, therefore, destroy the morale, undermine the discipline and ruin the fighting ability of American soldiers during wartime. Additionally, if gay men are present, then the potential for sex within the homosocial environment of the barracks still exists thus the solidarity of the all-male army unit is compromised. Ultimately, the presence of gays would lead to the creation of a weak, ineffective military machine.

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In a contradictory manner, however, gay men were forced to enlist under the draft laws due to the fact that large numbers of men were urgently needed for overseas service. Recruits were screened so that the army could determine their sexual orientation in order to find and exclude homosexuals. Psychiatric examiners relied on stereotypes of gays and gay behaviour in order to discover an inductee's homosexuality. It was believed, for example, that it could be determined through physical examination that the person in question was a homosexual. A tongue depressor was often inserted into the mouth of the patient in order to test for a gag-reflex because the stereotype stated that if the gag-reflex was absent then the subject was gay. Army examiners also used stereotyped beliefs which stated that gay men could be identified through their physical appearance and mannerisms. It was a commonly held belief that gays had wider hips, more body fat, narrow shoulders, lack of body hair, lisping speech and the inability to whistle. Thus, men who fit these stereotypes were excluded from military service. Ironically, however, some heterosexual men also fit the gay stereotype and so were eliminated while gay men who did not fit the examiners' previously held notions were allowed to enlist. Furthermore, the psychiatric examiners only saw the inductee for a few minutes which was an insufficient length of time to determine if the candidate was gay or not. Nonetheless, the use of stereotyped notions of homosexuality became part of the U.S. Armed Forces procedures for identifying gay men.

Despite these restrictive measures, many gay men entered the various branches of the Armed Forces and served honourably in a variety of combat conditions and operational theatres. There is no record of any failure of a fighting unit which can be attributed to the presence of gay servicemen in its ranks nor is there any record of a loss of morale as had originally been feared. In effect, the army's fear that homosexuals were sick, morally depraved men who could not make good soldiers proved groundless. Unfortunately, the stereotypes which governed the decision to remove gay and lesbian personnel from duty in World War II still persist today. The Canadian Armed Forces, following on the heels of the Americans, have also dismissed homosexuals because they are viewed as being susceptible to bribes and thus a threat to national security. Obviously, if homosexuality was no longer a stigmatized identity, then gays and lesbians would no longer present a "threat" to national security. Moreover, as in the 1992 case of Joseph Birch, the declaration of homosexuality makes a soldier ineligible for promotions or special training within the Canadian Armed Forces. Thus, there is tremendous value in studying a historical event to see how it has shaped our present notions, in this case, of homosexual service personnel.

Special thanks to Lisa, Mistress of the Universe.

Censorship: It could never happen here...

by: Jason Adams

Of course, that's because nobody ever says anything worthy of the effort of stifling free speech. Do you ever notice that some profs seem to have their timing and delivery down so well, that they appear to have been giving the same batch of lectures over and over for decades. Well, if they are talking about stuff that was relevant 20 years ago, can it still undeniably be relevant today? Profs have been carefully trained, though some might say warned, to convey only the facts, and not their valuable opinions, lest they interfere with the objective learning process. The lack of appreciation for creative freedom has reduced profs to delivering their vast knowledge and experience with the infertility of a fresh condom. Sterile, but void of any real meat, so to speak.

If only we had a few good Gerald Hannon's around, we might see some excitement. Hannon, if you will remember, was the Ryerson journalism prof suspended last November after the Toronto Sun (the rag that it is) maliciously printed details of his career as a prostitute. The content itself of the articles was not malicious; Hannon was more than willing to discuss his life as a hustler and his views on paedophilia. Rather, it was the intent of the reporter that was particularly outrageous, and the Sun's selective justification of "journalistic integrity" that was potently distasteful. As if it was with great integrity that the reporter tried to fry Hannon's lengthy and established career by "exposing" the danger that he posed to his students. I mean, just think how those well-meaning journalism students might hear Hannon's views and suddenly adopt them as their own, not knowing that they themselves in fact have a brain with which to think. As students, we should all be offended by the public's rally to "save" us from harm. Thanks for the concern, but why don't you just crawl back under your rocks.

Hannon has since been re-instated, Ryerson officials rightly tucking their embarrassed tails squarely between their legs, but still possessing the nerve to restrict Hannon from talking about his extensive sex life to the media (a directive Hannon is likely to ignore).

But all of this media brouhaha begs the question... could it ever happen here? Just imagine reading that one of your profs supplemented his income by prostituting himself, even going so far as to make a documentary film about it! The horror. The shame. The excitement. Come on, my profs can barely handle regurgitating those over-priced textbooks *ad nauseam*, never mind doing something that required creative thought, and quite frankly, balls of steel. Their incapacity to be interesting is markedly evident judging from the monotone lectures we attend.

It was with refreshing surprise then that I encountered a near riot in my first Abnormal Psychology lecture. The prof asked an open-ended question to the class (requiring them to think - egads!). "What might someone do that would lead you to believe they were abnormal?" The question itself is entirely valid, intending to force students to objectively examine how we judge "normality". One student responded that homosexuality was an indicator. Fair enough, though one could argue that homosexuality disappeared from the list of psychological disorders long ago (while, incidentally, homophobia still remains). The prof wrote it down. Following lengthy (and at times, passionate) discussion, someone said that homophobia should be included on the list. Well, the point of this article is not to criticise the prof for documenting homosexuality, and simply nodding agreement to homophobia without including it in his list, though it very well could be. The prof apologised in the next class and admitted his oversight.

Rather, this article is about the lack of queer content in our curricula, and more directly, the freedom of profs to discuss with us things that are not in our textbooks. Einstein did not complete his revolutionary theories while sitting in class, listening to some boring recording of a physics lecture. He and his contemporaries were busy contributing, instead of whoring the knowledge of others. And the world has changed as a result of his accomplishments. Ideally, that is what universities are all about. We should not idly absorb what has been known for centuries. We should create, whether we study economics, sciences, or arts, with profs along to guide our thoughts and encourage each of us to reach our full potential. Universities are the centres of progressive and creative thought. My psychology prof attested to that. Ironically however, he was unwilling to contribute to the discussion of homosex as abnormal behaviour, except to say that we need to critically examine our definitions of abnormality. I would have loved to hear exactly what he thought. I'm a university student, capable of deciphering what is fact and what is opinion. I want to hear his opinion, and challenge it if I don't agree, or support it if I do. If I am not adequately able to challenge his opinion, than I will be inspired to rush to the library after class, head to section HQ (the sexy section), and read everything I can so that the next time I find myself in the position of arguing why homosexuality is so wonderful, I'll be fully armed.

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Memorial Profs Vote To Strike

BY DAVID COCHRANE

ST. JOHN'S(CUP) — After months of failed labour negotiations, faculty members at Memorial University have voted to strike.

Labour problems began last summer when university administrators attempted to unilaterally impose a new contract on members of the faculty association.

After several months of biter arguing, the two sides finally sat down at the bargaining table last Nov. 13.

At that time, both sides agreed to resume using the old collective-bargaining agreement and resume negotiations with no threat of a strike or lock out before Jan. 31.

But with negotiations going nowhere, the union held a strike vote on Jan. 23.

"We have a mandate from the membership to proceed to a strike if necessary," said faculty spokesperson, John Bear, adding that no decision to strike would be made until after February 1.

Bear also said that the union wanted the negotiating team to try to reach an agreement, but the strike mandate is a method of adding weight to the union's bargaining position.

Students are having a difficult time finding anything positive in this development as a strike could drastically affect their academics.

"I'm worried because a lot of us are graduating this year," said Heather Tizzard, a fourth year linguistics student. Tizzard says she is concerned that a lengthy strike could prevent students from finishing classes this semester, and force the university to write of the entire term.

Student leaders, however, have promised not to take an interruption of classes lightly. Mike Carley, a vice-president of Memorial's student council said that the student body may decide to take some action of its own.

"If [the two sides] don't figure out pretty soon what they are going to do, and come to some sort of settlement," said Carley, "I think maybe the people on the picket lines are going to be the students and not MUNFA [the faculty association]."

Dr. Jack Strawbridge, the administration's chief negotiator, said that he doesn't fully understand why the faculty association called the strike vote at this time.

"[The administration is] curious and surprised why [the faculty association] would actually take a strike vote now when we are making such good progress," said Strawbridge.

If faculty members do go on strike, it will be the second such work stoppage at a Canadian university this school year. Last fall faculty members at the University of Manitoba walk off the job for three weeks.

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UVIC Senate Pay Lip Service To Protesting Funding Cuts

BY ADAM TURNER

VICTORIA (CUP) — When it comes to protesting government cuts to education funding, the University of Victoria senate is will to provide lip service, but not action.

At its Jan. 10 meeting, the UVic senate watered down a resolution to support a day-long walkout scheduled for Feb. 7. The senate had been asked by the UVic Students' Society to support the National Day of Action and a five-hour student strike.

As part of the campaign student senator Ian Flemington spoke to a proposed senate motion supporting the day of action.

The motion called for the senate to support cancelling classes from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 7 to allow students and other campus groups to protest funding cutbacks made by the federal government.

The senate makes up academic regulations affecting students. It is composed of representatives from the student body, faculty, and administration.

Flemington spoke of the potential effect of the cutbacks on students and asked the senate to provide the "opportunity to speak against the cuts."

Student senator and board of governors member Joel Freedman described the proposed five-hour walkout as a "small request to make of senate."

Senate expressed unanimous support for rejecting the cuts to post-secondary education, but cancelling classes went too far for most faculty members.

Dr. Reg Mitchell said he was "adamantly opposed to cancelling classes," although he had no difficulty with individual students protesting.

Dean of science Dr. John Weaver agreed that cancelling classes was "not the way of doing it." He was concerned that experimental work in the sciences would be disrupted.

During the debate, it became clear that most faculty did not clearly identify with the action. Some expressed concern about antagonizing the local community.

Flemington responded by questioning faculty who where trying to "isolate the issue only to students," adding that the cuts "affect all of us."

The message was not lost on Dr. Marie Campbell, who said she supported students in this "democratic expression of opinion."

She said that the ramifications of the cuts "will be even more distressing than cutting classes for a day."

Senate passed the motion supporting the protest, but not before removing the proposal to cancel classes.

It was further amended so that the senate will request faculty not to schedule tests and exams for the day and that students not be penalized for missing classes. The amended motion passed unanimously.

Student senate members recognized that the proposal to cancel classes would not pass, and voted in favour of the motion and the amendment.

Sabourin said she "had hoped for more vocal support from individual members" of the senate for the walkout but wasn't expecting the senate to support it.

The Feb. 7 walk out is part of a national day of action planned by the Canadian Federation of Students. During last year's day of action, over 70,000 students across the country participated in protests against the federal government.

Sask. Students cynical about government consultations on budget

BY CAREY FREY

REGINA (CUP) — A series of public consultations hosted by the Saskatchewan government to address upcoming cuts to federal transfer payments is being largely ignored by students.

A province-wide forum on the 1996 provincial budget and its impact on post-secondary education in the province was broadcast to seventeen sites around the province, but to primarily empty rooms at the provinces two universities.

Dylan Gault, vice-president at the University of Regina student council believes that the provincial government has already prepared the 1996 budget, so the consultations are just a public relations ploy.

"From knowing how budgets are done, if they are doing a public consultation now, it would mean delaying the budget until April or May."

Pat Atkinson, Saskatchewan Minister of Education stated that the government hadn't made any decisions about the '96 budget and was considering a tuition increase only as a last resort.

"We aren't going to take the cuts to post-secondary education and pass them down through the system like other provinces have," she said.

Robert Millard, vice-president at the University of Saskatchewan student council, was one of the few student leaders who attended the forum. He too dismissed the consultations as an exercise in public relations. "We certainly went to ask them some questions," said Millard. "The process they chose to use didn't work very well.

It eventually got to the point of a farce. There wasn't much time for open questions."

Finance Minister, Janice McKinnon emphasized that the government was sincere in its process to get input from the public.

"With less money available, massive change is required in the post-secondary education system. That's why we're undergoing this process."

"We haven't completed the budget," McKinnon stated.

"These consultations will help us write this year's budget and shape our policy agenda for the next several years."

According to the NDP government, cuts to provincial transfer payments may result in a ten per cent cut to post-secondary education in the province. Millard feels that the government is using the consultations to bring the public on-side for cuts to the education system. "It certainly had an aspect of public relations to it. They may be just trying to cover their steps."

McKinnon argued that the provincial government should "facilitate change and process" in the post-secondary education system. Atkinson added that the government was already looking to eliminate duplication and streamline the administration between the two universities in the province.

According to Atkinson, the results of the consultations will be released sometime in mid-February.

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Break In HIV/AIDS Research A Fortunate Fluke

BY SEAMUS HEFFERNAN

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — Dr. Paris Georghiou will be the first one to tell you that the discovery he made concerning a possible anti-HIV compound was a fluke, but if it eventually works out it could be one of the biggest breaks in the history of HIV/AIDS research.

Geourghiou, an organic chemist and a professor at Memorial University, stumbled upon a compound that has, in its early stages, shown to be effective against the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the retrovirus commonly linked to AIDS.

"Many compounds have been shown to be effective against HIV [in a lab environment]," he explained. "Our research is at the very early stages, and there are a lot of such compounds at this stage of discovery."

"It's almost impossible to predict...what kind of reaction a compound will have on something else in drug discovery. A 'hit' can be pure fluke. Look at aspirin. A stroke of luck, and we still don't know how it has the properties that it does."

AIDS research is no stranger to luck, both bad and good. Dr. Luc Montegnier and Dr. Robert Gallo, the co-discoverers of HIV, readily admit that isolating the virus was the result of a break.

"The combinations and permutations possible are horrendous," Geourghiou agreed. "What we had [in 1991], a graduate student of mine and I were working on a very applied problem. We were trying to measure formaldehyde in indoor air pollution."

In trying to help 80,000 home owners who wanted to monitor their indoor air pollution safely, Georghiou's student established some structures that had never before been identified. Their findings were eventually published in the Canadian Journal of Chemistry, and that was almost the end of it.

Shortly thereafter, though, information emerged from the sixth international AIDS conference in San Francisco, in which some new therapeutic agents against HIV were being reported.

"One of the structures that had been reported looked amazingly like the compounds that had come out of the formaldehyde work," said Georghiou. "I thought: 'Wow. Is this worth testing? Are these molecules worth evaluating?'"

They had them tested by a drug firm in Montreal, and what they initially thought would be active against the virus was not. Others, however, were.

"There were no live tests done," Georghiou cautioned. "These are all carried out in research labs by studying the effect of a certain test compound on an enzyme that is related to the virology cycle of the HIV virus."

The similar compounds showed surprisingly high anti-HIV protease activity, and inhibited the reverse transcriptase enzyme of HIV, which is also key to the cycle of the HIV virus' life.

HIV binds to human T-cells; in theory corrupting the immune system.

"If you can block the binding," Geourghiou said, "then you can effectively block the virus from getting in. Once the enzyme gets in, it then uses reverse transcriptase to replicate its RNA into DNA, which then goes into the nucleus and replicates itself.... Our compounds were effective against this enzyme. In other words, it blocks the cell from reproducing the virus."

An organism's genetic information, or its genome, is typically comprised of DNA. The information stored in the genome is used to make protein, via an intermediate store of information known as RNA. This intermediate is made through a process known as transcription. In most cases, DNA cannot be made from RNA.

Retroviruses are the exception to this. Their genome is made up of RNA, however to replicate, and thus make more viruses, RNA must be converted to DNA. To accomplish this, a unique enzyme known as reverse transcriptase is required.

Georghiou's research is not seen as a vaccine approach, but rather as a therapeutic one to people already infected.

"One of the difficulties here was finding a partner to do the testing," he said. Memorial is not equipped to carry out research on HIV, and Georghiou is disappointed, although he always sees himself as a teacher first, and not a researcher.

Despite only seeing "the tip of the iceberg," as he called it, Georghiou's findings earned him national attention, and he is still feeing the glare of the spotlight.

"There is an urgency to tie all the pieces together, get the chemistry right, get the funding," he said.

"There's an awful lot of running around with all of this, and it's not even my primary function at [Memorial]. We try to give new bullets to a researcher's gun, and we try to provide as many varied bullets as possible for them."

Dr. Georghiou, despite constantly pointing out the earliness of his research and the need for caution, is still optimistic.

"Hopefully, we'll have an update in eight to 10 months," he said.

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Students Groups Don't like Cabinet Shuffle

BY STU CLARK

TORONTO (CUP) — Jean Chretien surprised and disappointed student and labour groups with his latest cabinet shuffle.

The Jan. 25 shuffle had been rumoured for weeks ahead of time, but no one expected former transport minister Doug Young to take over the department of Human Resources and Development.

Young, one of the more conservative members of Chretien's cabinet, replaces the more left-leaning Lloyd Axworthy in the position. Axworthy takes over the foreign affairs portfolio.

Maude Barlow, national chairperson of the Council of Canadians, was surprised by Young's appointment, a decision she describes as distressing and cynical.

"I think it's an intentional signal of a move to the right particularly around the area of social programs," she said.

"By choosing someone who is clearly identified as being on the right, who is very much a promoter of privatization and deregulation and decentralization, Mr. Chretien has signalled that they are going to play tough with social programs."

Guy Caron, national chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) was also surprised by the appointment, but he doesn't think it will have much influence on cuts to education funding.

"There won't be much change, because everything that is going on in terms of post-secondary education has very little to do with Human Resources, the whole agenda is coming from the finance department."

Last year, the CFS turned Axworthy into public enemy number one on campuses across Canada because of his proposed changes to post-secondary funding, and the federal student loans program.

Axworthy's proposals died a quick political death when finance minister Paul Martin replaced existing transfer payment schemes with a block funding system, effectively cutting the federal government's funding of post-secondary education.

Labour groups are concerned that the appointment of Young means even more attacks on Canada's social safety net.

"Considering what his position has been in transport Canada, I don't think it's surprising to say we are a little concerned." said Nancy Riche, executive vice-president of the Canadian Labour Congress.

During his time as transport minister, Young made a name for himself as a budget slasher by privatizing Canada's railways.

"I think they think that because Doug Young didn't get a lot of flack over what he did to transportation, he can do this [changing unemployment insurance legislation] smoothly as well. And I think they are going to be proven wrong," said Barlow.

Despite her displeasure, Riche doesn't think the appointment will have much affect on the federal government's next budget.

"Everyone know what Martin's next budget is. He's going to attack the seniors this time — he's done every other generation. He's gone after students, he's gone after middle-age workers. It's time to attack the elders, and that's what we will see in the budget."

The cabinet shuffle saw several high-profile ministers change jobs. Sheila Copps moved from the environment ministry to Heritage, but retained her role as Deputy Prime Minister.

Sergio Marchi took over for Copps in environment, while Diane Marleau moved from health to public works.

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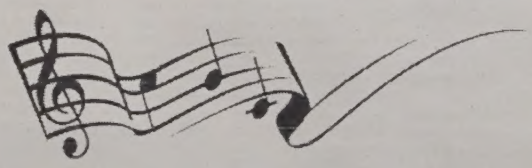

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Arts & Film

Biting off more than you can chew

Jane Dickie
Dawn Kostuik

Picture if you will two brothers, one a professional theif, the other a convicted sex offender. Both are on the run from the law following a bank robbery and are headed for the Mexican border and freedom.

First, however, they have to survive one night in the strip club from Hell (literally). This is the premise for **From Dusk 'til Dawn**, the latest action movie written by **Quentin Tarantino**.

This is not as serious minded a movie as past Tarantino hits like **Pulp Fiction** or **Reservoir Dogs**. Although the trademark violence and blunt dialogue are there, the sarcastic humour and corny special effects turn this potentially intriguing film into a grade-B horror flick.

George Clooney plays his role as a heartless criminal-on-the-run to the hilt. At first he just seems to be trying hard to prove himself but midway through, the film becomes quite believable.

Tarantino plays his psychotic brother effectively but is not in the movie long enough to reach the full potential of the character. **Harvey Keitel** turns in a decent, if somewhat lacklustre, performance as a faithless preacher who is forced to rediscover his religion.

The majority of From Dusk 'til Dawn is pretty good. It is just when the exotic dancers start turning into vampires that you ask yourself, "What the hell is going on here?!"

Suddenly, the evil brothers become the good guys as they attempt to destroy every fanged creature in sight. In classic Tarantino style, just about every single character is dead by the time the movie ends.

The killer brothers and the vampire plots would have made two very good movies. When, however, they are put together, the results are mediocre at best, but pretty hilarious at times. From Dusk 'til Dawn is not necessarily worth going to see but has the potential to become a cult classic on video.

A Pleasant Musical Diversion

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Anyone who goes to see movies based solely on the amount of sex and violence in them should stop reading right now. Those of you who are more open-minded, however, will appreciate Mr. Holland's **Opus**.

The film stars **Richard Dreyfuss** as Glen Holland, and is a heart-warming look at how one man's life can affect the lives of so many others.

Glen Holland is a reluctant music teacher who would rather spend his free time composing than involving himself with school-related activities. He slowly realizes, however, that it is not only important to teach students about the fundamentals of music, but also how to appreciate it.

He teaches a clarinet player how to "see" the music and not just the notes on the page. He also helps a rhythmless football player to "find the beat," and helps a talented young singer to believe in herself.

Early on in the film, Holland's wife (played by **Glenn Hedley**) gives birth to their son. It is not until Cole is two or three years old that his parents realize that he is deaf.

A problem of communciation arises between father and son for many years. This is finally resolved when Cole makes his father understand that even though he cannot hear the music, he is able to experience it in a different way, through sight and touch.

Mr. Holland's Opus spans about thirty years of the life of a music teacher in just over two hours. Dreyfuss is magnificent as a caring, devoted teacher, who does not realize the profound influence he has had on his students' lives.

It is simply overwhelming when the students show their gratitude at the end of the film. When Mr. Holland's symphony, which he has been working on for thirty years, is finally played for the first time, you will not be able to stop the tears from flowing.

In a time when almost every popular movie is at least rated PG, it is nice to see a family-rated film that truly delivers. Mr. Holland's Opus is a brilliant movie that both teaches and delights.

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Mesmer— Not Very Mesmerizing

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STAFF WRITER

Hollywood has, in the past, occasionally taken it upon itself to teach history and biographies to the masses—celluloid style. Directed by **Roger Spottiswoode** and starring **Alan Rickman (Die Hard)**, and **Sandra Ooms, Mesmer** is no exception.

Filmed in France, Hungary, Britain, and Germany, the film has some truly beautiful scenery. The first thing you notice about the movie is the immediate immersion of the audience in the Enlightenment period, with melancholy music, and ancient costumes.

The movie opens up with Dr. Franz Anton Mesmer (Rickman) placed before a tribunal and surrounded by his "peers" in the medical profession. The tribunal laughs and taunts Mesmer about his "mesmerizing techniques," but his stoic demeanor is unphased because he is running the events that lead up to his inquiry through his mind.

The body of the movie is a flashback in which we see Mesmer as the tortured genius that nobody seems to understand. Doctors during that period dealt with most mental and physically related ills by the method known as "bleeding," which, as the name suggests, involves creating a wound in a patient to let blood drain out.

Mesmer's method is not as physical, and relies on the supposed transfer of physical energy, gravity, and magnetism.

Alan Rickman is convincing as Mesmer, who is thoroughly tortured and ridiculed by everybody, including his wife and son. Rickman is able to bring forth the daydreaminess, spirituality, and determination of Mesmer, though at times his sarcastic wit and outbursts of anger remind me of the Hans character he played in Die Hard.

Sandra Ooms, who plays Maria Theresa Paradies, the patient that Mesmer supposedly cures of her blindness, is superb. Her large, haunting eyes, and slightly gaunt beauty, reflect tragedy and emotional trauma.

A pivotal turning point for Mesmer occurs when Maria Theresa is accidentally knocked over. She bumps her head and is suddenly able to see again.

Mesmer, thinking himself a miracle worker, develops unfounded confidence in his healing abilities. His higher status and reputation cause Mesmer to be even more viciously attacked by his colleagues.

Overall, the movie is basically intellectual fare and watchable. It takes you into the mind of Mesmer, and shows what it is like to have a belief which everyone else disagrees with.

The movie had its light moments of humour, but critical scenes were cut short before any dramatic crescendo could occur, which left the audience hanging. Even the ending was brisk, leaving me wondering.

Despite these flaws, Mesmer does come together and is charged with momentum, even though it fizzles off near the end. Maybe a good bleeding could help in this case.

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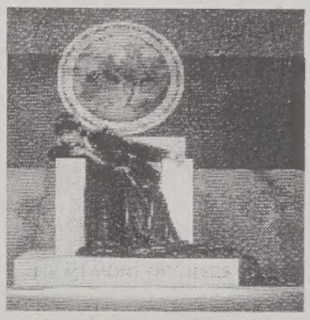
Enya - Rolling Folliage

CD Review

Karyn Wilson



Enya's new release "The Memory of Trees" continues her tradition of incorporating emotionally charged ballads accompanied by hauntingly beautiful melodies. The album features songs written in both English and Gaelic. Enya does not write her own songs but is accompanied by lyricist **Roma Ryan** "she [Ryan] knows me so well, she tends to know through the sound of the melody what would like to sing about... she just knows what I'm trying to say." Enya composes all of the music and instruments for the album; often her voice is used as an instrument on its own.

Enya has stayed true to her Irish roots since the beginning of her musical career, her first album "The Celts" was composed to accompany a B.B.C. production that chronicled the history of the Celtic people. Her second album produced the hit "Oronoco Flow" while the "Shepherd Moon" scored the film "The Age of Innocence" starring **Daniel Day Lewis**.

Off the new album Enya successfully blends both classical and Celtic sounds. The song "Pax Deorum" is reminiscent of a Celtic chant "While Hope Has A Place" *Look to love you may dream, and if it should leave then give it wings. But if such a love is meant to be; Hope is home, and the heart is free.*

Enya's sound is timeless, she does not follow and new age trends but sticks to a style all on her own. Not only does she create beautiful music, she evokes powerful emotions in her listeners.

Aceyalone: Bouncy?

CD Review

by Lizz Berry
GIRL REPORTER

"Anyone need to be saved today? Got a two-for-one special with a shave today"
-Aceyalone, from "I think

I don't know a lot about hip hop. I am just yer basic music appreciator who wound up reviewing **Aceyalone**'s solo debut, *All Balls Don't Bounce* CD. That being said, this album sounds good to me. It got me moving (which is a very important) with nice and smart lyrics over smooth beats that often included jazz samplings. He creates sometimes serious, often amusing and always clever verbal vignettes. Many of Aceyalone's songs begin with an intriguing instrumental intro, and antique electric keyboards are sexily present throughout. He has a definite tendency towards jazzy mishmashes.

Tracks like "The Greatest Show on Earth", "Annalilia?" (about a bad pick-up attempt, which I thought was hilarious) and "Deep and Wide" illustrate Aceyalone's rhyming ability and his vocal prowess too. The backbeats to his songs are always digable and smooth. Aceytalone doesn't seem to be constrained by traditional boundaries, and he's apparently been on the fringes of West-Coast hip-hop culture for a while (or so they tell me). He doesn't really go in for crazy I'm-too-hardcore-for- words posing in his music. He does what he does, and he does it very groovily.

In spite of my overall praise, I have to note Aceyalone's penchant for ego-trippy I'm-the-best-MC-on- earth songs (there's at least one or two).

Maybe he hasn't gotten past that insecure stage. I don't know.

He also uses the term nigger, which, call me crazy, I find obnoxious in any context. Aside from these minor faults, this is a man with a plan and a good sense of rhythm.

Wooden Stars

Mike's Music Fix

Mike Barry

The Wooden Stars

The **Wooden Stars** are a four person Canadian wierdsmobile rock group who played as if **Baudelaire** had whispered in their musical ears with a little help from arch-decadent fellow Nineteenth Century French artistes-poet, **Art Rimbaud** providing keynote lyrical back-up. Some songs on this disc SOUND LIKE FRANK ZAPPA HAD COME BACK FOR ONE LAST ENCORE — songs like "Farewell to the Yellow Jacket Avenger", Instruments, **Keith** and **Amy** and The Rocker have a queasy disjointed structure that immediately reminds me of one of the early **Mothers of Invention** fornications: stops and starts, false endings and odd time signatures within oddsville jazz-rock modal dialectics combined with a hint of **King Crimson** at their most perverse as found on their ancient connection to Satan, 1970's "In the Court of the Crimson King." Lyrically the oft-putting dissonance of the tracks and the darkness clothed in chirascuro black of the Antichrist. Oh! The Agonies of Hell and Splinters on a Pillow have been the disturbing feel of the poetry of Rimbaud particularly his "Season in Hell."

This debut CD from Wooden Stars is disturbing outsville but compelling to listen to again and again. This CD is highly recommended by this reviewer. Nothin' wooden about Wooden Stars and despite my seventies comparisons this is a highly original piece of Muse — thumbs upsville.

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Sports

Gritty Scarborough Squad Falls Short

Kristi Smith
SPORTS EDITOR (INTERIM)

Scarborough Women' s Basketball Team dropped a 36-29 dec-ision to Victoria College on January 25, to fall to 5-4 on the season. Scarborough can hold their heads up after this one. The effort of this spirited team was commendable.

Scarborough was clearly the more skilled team. Weak person to person coverage would prove to be the team's downfall on this night.

The first half got off to an exciting start, in which the fast, aggressive style of play set the pace for the remainder of the game.

After being fouled at the five minute mark, Scarborough's **Gracie Gaskin** made one of two baskets to put her team up 5-0.

By capitalizing on a relaxed Victoria de-fense, Scarborough was able to maintain a slim lead for most of the first half. Near the end of it, however, Victoria pulled ahead to lead 17-12 at the half.

A defensive first half, Scarborough witnessed excellent zone coverage from Gracie Gaskin and co-captain **Julie Mac-Lean**.

Scarborough's offensive game picked up in the second half, as they applied good pressure on Victoria at both ends of the court, resulting in many rebounds.

They quickly evened up the score at 17. Victoria refused to give up, however, and the score see-sawed back and forth between the two teams for the remainder of the half.

Near the end, Victoria took avantage of weak person to person cov-erage by Scarborough and was making all of their outside shots. They secured the win with six unanswered points.

Scarborough witnessed an exellent overall performance from **Sam Spink**, who drove hard to the net throughout the game, to lead the team with fourteen points, and five re-bounds.

Scarborough's Head Coach, **Anthony Nem-bhard**, acknowledged after the game that "this is a good team who always plays hard, but they need to improve defensively."

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Men's A Hockey: Engineers Over Scar.

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Last Thursday night at Varsity Arena, the Engineers traded in their yellow hard-hats for hockey helmets, hoping to teach our boys a thing or two about hockey. Too bad Scarborough let them have their way.

The Engineers were ready to roll as soon as they took to the ice, warming up their goalie with a few quick shots, while Scarborough was still lacing up their skates. The Engineers looked like they really wanted this one—they could taste it.

The two squads spent the first few minutes feeling each other out. The Engineers had the first shot on goal, but it was Scarborough that had the best early chance with a charge to the net off a break away at 14:10.

The Engineers came out playing attack-style hockey, with Scarborough seemingly content to resort to a hang-back, New Jersey Devils-type of defensive style. Much of the play in the first period was confined to the Scarborough end, with the Engineers eagerly pressing at every opportunity.

Scarborough had a lot of trouble clearing the puck from their own zone. Strong neutral-zone coverage by the Engineers prevented Scarborough from connecting any of their cross-ice passing attempts.

The Engineers had no qualms about roughing things up along the boards, winning most of the battles in the corners. Scarborough kept themselves in the game with solid defensive play out front.

The Engineers opened the scoring at 7:14 in the first. It was a classic example of one team being able to capitalize on the other's botched scoring play with a chintzy goal.

Scarborough seemed poised to draw first blood with an inspired, all-out attack in front of the Engineer's net. They did everything right—except score. Scarborough paid for the missed chance seconds later when the Engineers casually slid one past the snoozing goaltender.

Scarborough responded by upping the tempo a notch and taking the game to the Engineers. At 5:36 in the first period, Scarborough earned themselves the first power play of the game. But they could not make good on any of their chances. The Engineers went up 2-0 at 2:57.

Things got more lively in the second period. Too bad there were only 20 people on hand to enjoy the action. Before Scarborough knew what hit them, the Engineers were up 3-0.

Scarborough finally decided enough was enough and stoked their engines a bit. Their persistence was finally rewarded when No. 18, **P. Duntis**, spoiled Engineering's hopes for a shut-out with a quick goal at 12:48.

The goal pumped up a deflated Scarborough squad. Duntis scored again at 10:18 on a goal that was virtually an instant replay of his first. Scarborough was back in it—for about a minute.

The Engineers dashed all hopes for a miraculous comeback with a goal at 9:17 to bring the tally to 4-2. That is how the final score would stand, the Engineers being content to play out the clock while taking a few dumb penalties in the process.

Scarborough pulled their goalie in the dying minutes, but it was all in vain. Scarborough was unable to capitalize with the extra attacker. It was too little too late. Hats off to **P. Skopee** and **E. Ammar**, each with an assist, and **G. Visonti**, who assisted on both goals.

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